Committee Room, City Hall,
April 16thm1920.

FOURTEENTH MEETING.

THE SPECIAL TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETS in the Committee Room, City Hall on Friday, April 16th,1920, at 8 p.m. PRESENT: Aldermen Seabrook and Dr. Wilson, Mesrs, Gordon Philip, John Cottam, George H. Bolton and His Worship Mayor Little.

40 MINUTES.

The minutes of the eleventh meeting are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

41 TOWN PLANNING ACT (see par. 3,4,7,9,14,21, and 34)

The Clerk states that he had received a 'phone mesage from Dr. Stevenson and that the doctor stated:

(1) That he had not received any copy of either a City of London or general Town Planning Bill from anyone in London.

(2) That the Government was not intoducing any Bill.

(3) The Clerk must have misunderstood him as he thought that the Doctor had any Bill in his possession.

(4) He would advise with the Committee before doing anything further.

Mr. Philip submitted the Bill introduced by Dr. Stevenson repecting an amandmdnt to the general Town Planning Act.

The Clerk states tha this Bill was not suggested by the Clerk.

Gordon Philip enclosing copy of draft of private Bill covering amendment aked by the Town Planning Association. As stated in his letter of March 24th, this is submitted for the approval of the Local Town Planning Committee and City Council. If the powers under this Act are to be secured at this session of the Lgislature, it will be necessary that they should be considered at once, and he hoped to have the co-operation of the Clerk in placing the matter before the Town Planning Committee and City Council at the earliest possible date.

To secure the approval of the Government's dvisers, it will be necessary to have this draft Act approved by resolution of the City Council, and it should also be introduced by the local Member.

Regarding the draft itself, this has been prepared very carefully to cover the provisions asked by the Hamilton Conference (and approved of by the London City Council) in Conference with the Government's legal advisers, Mr. H.L.Seymour, an official of the Town Planning Department, Commission of Conservation, Ottawa, and Mr. W.A.McMaster, of Anderson and McMaster, a Toronto barrister. Mr. McMaster was selected to prepare this draft on the suggestion of one of the Government's legal advisers, as one who had already had experience in drafting legislation, and who was on intimate terms with the Government's law clerks.

It is recognized that the draft is by no means perfect and in a final revision by the Law Clrks changes may be made in the wording, and it is for the City Council to say whether or not they approve of the provisions enumated. These go as far as is considered necessary at the present time. It is contemplated that further powers may be asked from time to time, as required.

In viw of the urgency of this matter, would it be possible to have it brought before the Council meeting on Monday night? This would necessity a meeting of the Planning Committee before that time at rather short notice. In order that the purpose of some of the clauses should be thoroughly understood by the Council, I think it is necessary that some one who is conversant with Town Planning should be present, and would advise that if possible, Mr. Seymour, who has given the situation a great deal of study should be asked to be present when the Act comes up for final consideration.

A copy of the draft Act is being sent to each member of the Town Planning Committee.

His Worship the Mayor moves, and it is adopted, that Mr. Seymour, who has given the situation a great deal of study should be asked to be present when the Act comes up for final consideration on Monday next.

42 MASTER PLAN (see par. 24,33)

A.N.Hall replying to the letter of the Clerk of the 10th inst. and confirming conversation of the 13th inst. stating that he would be glad to meet the Town Planning Committee of the Council on Saturday afternoon or evening, April 24th. He will plan to spend at least the entire day in London, and possibly part of Friday.

Gererally speaking, his idea in talking to the Committee will be to mention some things which to his mind might be done immediate-

ly, and create, if possible, a frank discussion on whatever his talk may suggest, having such discussion based on the practicability of his suggestions as viewed by a body like the London Council.

He feels that the Committee of the Council has been appointed partly in an executive capacity, and chiefly in order that the members may familiarize themselves especially with town planning, and report to the Council from time to time, what progressive steps are possible, and should be taken now, as well as for what provisions must be made for steps for the future. He also feels very strongly that the Council and the heads of municipal departments should take a lead in the matter of actual accomplishment, and with this in view he suggested that either citizens or officials outside of the personell of the Committee, upon whom the Committee feel they could call and receive assitance from, might be invited. The feasibility of this suggestion can only be decided by the Committee.

If it were possible, his idea would be to have the personell of his audience in sympathy with a policy of considering the fundamental and first steps of city planning in relation to London, for if such a discussion starts to go too far afield, at first, the Committee will not get the constructive help from the first meeting that is necessary. In other words, if we can all admit that we have large ideals, and that these may vary with each person, including civic centres, impressive streets, complete park systems, etc. and at this meeting discuss the ways and means to take the first steps toward the realization of this.

In his coming visit to London, it would assist him greatly if he had a blue print of the city showing, we will say, in read, the present park and play grounds lands, whether they be purely recreational or not, which the corporation now own, possibly in another color, say green, show roughly, the lands which are owned by Commissions for municipal purposes, and third, he would like to be able to see the proposed lands which were shown in Mr. Cauchon's report, both of the existing and proposed treatment of transportation.

If he had this information where he could look at it in going around the city, he could accomplish much more in a short time. It just occurred to him that it might be possible that someone in the Engineer's or Assessor's offices might do this roughly.

He would also like to have another print of the city plan upon which he might make notes. Such plans would not necessarily have to be on a large scale, provided street names were shown, unless none others were available, as a smaller scale plan would be sufficient and more convenient. These plans would be simply loaned to me for a day.

He would like also to know if, in London, any general street plan exists in conference with the provisions of the City and Suburbs Plans Act. This Act relates to subdivisions only, but presupposes that the city has some skeleton plan for thoroughfares, connection of streets, etc. to form a basis for their approval, or disapproval of subdivision plans, which are, or are not, in conformity with this skeleton plan.

It has occurred to him that if such a plan does not exist for London and that if there is really no basis for the correct approval of subdivisions that such a skeleton street plan might give, this might be one of the first problems of city planning that the Committee might consider. This last is simply a thought dropped which might be discussed.

Mr. Cottam moves, and it is adopted, that Mr. Hall be asked to attend a meeting of the Committee on Saturday, the 24th inst. and that arrangements respecting same be referred to the Chairman and Clerk.

43 CINCINNATTI CONVENTION.

A.V.Hall telegraphing: "Delegates to Town Planning Conference should wire Hotel Sinton, Cincinnatti, for reservations."

No action.

44 CITY OF LONDON TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION.

The private bill submitted by Mr. Gordon Philip and referred to in his letter dated the 14th inst. was taken up clause by clause.

Clause 1 is amended by inserting the word "London" and, as amended, adopted.

Clause 2 is amended by inserting the word "London" after the words "City of" and the clause, as amended, adopted.

Clause 3 is amended by striking out the word "above" in the second line and inserting the words "in section 4(1) hereof" and the clause, as amended, adopted.

Clause 4(1) is, upon motion, adopted.

Clause 4(2) is amended by adding the words "By the Council of the City of London" after the words "from time to time" and the clause, as amended, adopted.

Clauses 4(3), 4(4), 4(5), 4(6) and 4(7) are adopted.

Clause 5 is amended by adding the word "London" after the words "City of" and , as amended, adopted.

Section

Clause 6(a) is amended:

(1) By adding the words "not more than" after the words "composed of" in the first line thereof, and the clause, as amended, adopted.

(2) By adding the words "and the Mayor of the City of London" after the word "members" in the first line thereof and the clause, as amended, adopted.

Clause 6(b) is amended by adding the words "three of whom shall be members of the Council and the remaining three shall be ratepayers of the City of London" after the word "Commission" in the first line, and by adding the words "where possible" at the end of the clause, and the clause, as amended, adopted.

Clause 6(c), 6(d), and 6(e) are adopted.

Clause 7 is amended by striking out the words, "Matters connected solely with the city shall be decided by a majority of the members appointed by the city" and substituting therefor the words "Representatives of the adjoining municipalities on the Commission shall have power to discuss, vote and decide upon matters directly connected with the urban zone outside the city limits only" and the clause, as amended, adopted.

Clause 8 is amended by striking out the word "the" before the word "lands" in the second line thereof, and substituting therefor the word "any", and by adding the words "so acquired" at the end of the clause and the clause, as amended, adopted.

Clauses 9(1), 9(2), 9(3), 9(4), 9(4a), 9(4b), 9(4c), 9(4d), 9(4e), 9(4f), 9(4g), 9(4h), 9(4j), 9(4k), 9(4l), 9(5), 9(6), 9(7), 9(8) and 9(9), 10, 11, 12 and 13 are, upon motion, adopted.

Clause 14 is amended by adding the words, "Save that the Commission shall be authorized to make no expenditure of money binding on the Council without first securing approval and authorization therefor from the Council.

Upon motion the Bill, as amended, is adopted.

Upon motion the Committee recommends that application be made to the Provincial Legislature for the passing of the Bill as approved and the City member asked to introduce same on behalf of the City of London.

Upon motion the Committee adjourned.

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Chairman.